UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION

No. 7:16-CR-10-1BR No. 7:17-CV-184-BR

| TIMOTHY JEROME WHITFIELD, Petitioner, |) | |
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| v. |) | <u>ORDER</u> |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent. |) | |

Having examined petitioner's motion pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, the United States Attorney is DIRECTED to file an Answer pursuant to Rule 5, Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, or to make such other response as appropriate to the above-captioned § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence, within **forty (40)** days of the filing of this order.

This 16 January 2018.

W. Earl Britt

Senior U.S. District Judge